

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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INDO BULGARIA AGREEMENT ON SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Bulgaria have signed an agreement for wide-ranging cooperation in the field of Science and Technology;
- (b) if so, the main features thereof;
- (c) whether the joint ventures in Science and Technology sector have been worked out;
- (d) if so the details thereof;
- (e) the extent to which the Bulgarian assistance is likely to be beneficial to the country;
- (f) whether the experts from both the countries propose to visit each other's country in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. An Agreement between India and Bulgaria for cooperation in the field of Science & Technology was signed in New Delhi on November 10, 2000. This Agreement inter-alia envisages development of scientific and technological contacts; formulation and implementation of joint research programmes; exchange of scientists / researchers; organisation of seminars/symposia and exhibitions; exchange of scientific and technological information etc.

(c) & (d) The bilateral Cooperation Agreement does not include joint ventures in Science & Technology sector.

(e) No specific assistance from the Bulgarian side is envisaged.

(f) & (g) Yes Sir. The scientists / researchers from the two sides will visit each other for exploratory visits, implementation of joint research programmes and participation in seminars / symposia and exhibitions